

THEIR CONTRACTOR STRANGES OF AND REPORT

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME;

Rogers NK Seed Co.

Cohereas. There has been presented to the

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, therefore, this certificate of plant variety protection is to grant unto the said applicant(s) and the successors, heirs or assigns of the said applicant(s) for the term of eighteen years from the date of this grant, subject to the payment of the required fees and periodic replenishment of viable basic seed of the variety in a public repository as provided by LAW, the right to exclude others from selling the variety, or offering it for sale, or reproducing it, importing it, or exporting it, or using it in producing a hybrid or different ety therefrom, to the extent provided by the Plant Variety Protection Act T. 1542, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

BEAN

'Marquis'

In Lestimony Whereot, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this 30th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three.

Allest.

Kerneth Hevans

Commissioner

Plant Variety Protection Office Agricultural Marketing Service

City Est

FORM WA-470 (7-84) (Edition of 3-84 % obsolete.)

MALE

Marquis D82166

EXHIBIT A

ORIGIN AND BREEDING HISTORY

Marquis

The Great Northern bean D82166 was derived from the following cross pollination in the greenhouse during the winter of 1976-1977:

NEBRASKA # 1 x 732024-6-2-1

Details of selection and multiplication:

	Year	Generation	Field Number	Bulk Harvest	No. of Single Plant Selections
Winter	1976-77	F ₁	GH-005	85 g	
Summer	1977	F ₂	D77-2024		5
Summer	1978	F3	D78-1266		2
Summer	1979	F ₄	D79-695		4
Summer	1980	F ₅	D80-710	851 g	3
Summer	1981	F ₆	D81-763	709 g	1
Summer	1982	F7	D82-0166	1,135 g	
Summer	1983	F ₈	D83-0448	7,000 g	
Summer	1984	F9	D84-3043	114 lb:	s.
Summer	1985	F ₁₀	D85-2416	1,163 lb	s.

Marquis

 $\frac{D82166}{2}$ has been observed to be stable and uniform since the F₆ generation.

Stock D85-2416 has been increased to commercial size quantities. Seed stock will be monitored for purity.

POD LENGTH

JM5 3/28/90

	D8216				Beryl		
198	37	198	38	198	37	198	38
140	mm.	131	mm.	120	mm.	138	mm.
140	mm.	156	mm.	125	mm.	141	mm.
125	mm.	143	mm.	130	mm.	126	mm.
130	mm.	141	mm.	130	mm.	138	mm.
125	mm.	130	mm.	120	mm.	134	mm.
125	mm.	132	mm.	125	mm.	126	mm.
120	mm.	144	mm.	120	mm.	134	mm.
125	mm.	120	mm.	130	mm.	135	mm.
110	mm.	133	mm.	125	mm.	127	mm.
130	mm.	135	mm.	120	mm.	141	mm.
120	mm.	135	mm.	125	mm.	118	mm.
135	mm.	136	mm.	115	mm.	136	mm.
130	mm.	135	mm.	115	mm.	138	mm.
125	mm.	138	mm.	135	mm.	130	mm.
125	mm.	131	mm.	135	mm.	128	mm.
135	mm.	130	mm.	120	mm.	128	mm.
130	mm.	135	mm.	115	mm.	126	mm.
130	mm.	144	mm.	115	mm.	121	mm.
130	mm.	143	mm.	120	mm.	124	mm.
120	mm.	149	mm.	115	mm.	130	mm.

Data file PVPBZ166
Title: PVP BB2166 VS. BERYL 3/28/90
Marquis

Function: ANOVA-1 Data case no. 1 to 80 Without selection

One way ANOVA grouped over variable 1 VARIETY with values from 1 to 2

Variable 4 POD LENGTH

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE TABLE

De	grees of Freedom	Sum of Squares	Error Mean Square	F-value	Prob.
Between Within	1 78	588.6125 5427.0750	588.61 69.58	8.46	.004
Total	79	6015.6875			

Coefficient of Variation= 6.44%

Var. 1	V A Number	R I A Sum	B L E No Average	SD 4	SE
1 2	40.00 40.00	5291.000 5074.000	132.27 126.85	8.91 7.73	1.32
Total Within	80.00	10345.000	129.56	8.73 8.34	0.78

Bartlett's Test

Chi-square = .7725558 Number of Degrees of Freedom = 1 Approximate Significance = .3794

Marquis D82166

EXHIBIT B

NOVELTY STATEMENT

JMS 3/28/90 Marquis
Our variety D82166 is most nearly like the variety Beryl, however, it differs in the following areas:

- 1. D82166 has a longer pod than Beryl.
- 2. D82166 matures two days later than Beryl, 93 days compared to 91 days for the years 1982-1988 in Twin Falls, Idaho.
- 3. Marquis
 3. D82166 has larger seed than Beryl.

	Marquis D82166		BERYL			
	Maturity	s/c	Maturity	s/c		
1988	87 days	1504	87 days	1472		
1987	99 days	1457	98 days	1531		
1986	87 days	1516	84 days	1620		
1985	90 days	1596	88 days	1560		
1984	98 days	1420	96 days	1528		
1983	95 days	1380	93 days	1444		
1982	92 days	1624	89 days	1732		
$\bar{x} =$	92.57 days	1499.57	90.71 days	1555.28		

JUS 3/28/90

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE LIVESTOCK AND SEED DIVISION

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY Dry Edible Bean (Phaseolus vulgaris L.)

JM5 190

		EXPERIMENTAL NAME	VARIETY NA	3/28/90 ME		
Rogers Brothers Seed Company		D82166	D8216	D82166 Marquis		
ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, Stat	e, ZIP)		FOR OFF	ICIAL USE ONLY		
P.O. Box 4727 Boise, Idaho 83711			8 9	00189		
Provide data for all characters unless indicated describe this variety. Measured data should be Society or any recognized color standard may	e the mean of an approp	riate number of well spaced	(15-20 cm) plants. In	c Moyal Morticulture		
COLOR SYSTEM USED		of the test(s) to evaluate vin Falls, Idaho	E THIS VARIETY			
1. MARKET CLASS	2. MATURITY	viii ruris, ruuie				
CLASS 1 = Navy (Pea) 2 = Small White 3 = Black 4 = Pinto 5 = Great Northern 6 = Small Red 7 = Pink 8 = Cranberry 9 = Dark Red Kidney 10 = Light Red Kidney 11 = Yellow Eye CHECK Seafarer Aurora 10 = Nurora 11 = Yellow Eye CHECK Seafarer Nurora Nurora 10 = Light Red Kidney Steuber	1 5 3 6 g d	Days from planting to harve Physiological mat Heat units from planting to temperature used: 500 F Days from planting to harve appropriate to market class	est maturity 7 year curity (90% pods harvest maturity (option ————————————————————————————————————	average dry & buckskir		
3. PLANT HABIT 1 = la Bush-determinate, strong and erect 2 = lb Bush-determinate, weak stem and because it is a la Erect growth habit-indeterminate, short or not developed 4 = llb Erect growth habit-indeterminate, long, with no ability to climb 5 = llla Vine-indeterminate, short guides of a lllb Vine-indeterminate, long guides of a llla Vine-indeterminate climbing, pods distributed in the plant 8 = lVb Indeterminate climbing, pods corrupper part of the plant	guides (runners) guides medium to with no ability to climb with ability to climb tributed throughout	Total plar Average height Pod Position: Adaptability to	of mature plant, in cm. 2 nt height includ of check variety, in cm. (1 = Low (lower pods touc 2 = High (lower pods not 3 = Scattered (not concer machine harvest: 1 = Ac nce: 1 = Good 2 = Fair	ling Vine. [use same check as above ching soil surface) touching soil surface) htrated high or low) dapted 2 = Not Adapte		
4. LEAFLET MORPHOLOGY (Use terminal leafle 2 1 = Smooth; 2 = Wrinkled 1 = Ovate		3 = Semiglossy; 4 = Variable 3 = Deltoid	4 = Cordate	5 = Rhomboid		
1 SHAPE:						
APEX OF LEAFLET:	2 = Acuminate	3 = Cuspidate	4 = Obtuse			
1 = Obtuse 1 = Datuse	2 = Oblique	3 = Cordate	4 = Cuneate	5 = Attenuate		

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5. FLOWER COLOR AND DAYS TO BLOOM	
COLOR OF STANDARD: 1 = White; 2 = Cream; 3 = Pink; 4 = Blue; 5 = Purple	1 COLOR OF KEEL: 1 = White; 2 = Cream; 3 = Pink; 4 = Blue; 5 = Purple
COLOR OF WINGS: 1 = White; 2 = Cream; 3 = Pink; 4 = Blue; 5 = Purple	4 8 Days to 80% bloom 7 year average
6. POD MORPHOLOGY (Green pod morphology optional)	
Green Mature	
1 COLOR PATTERN: 1 = Solid; 2 = Striped; 3 = Blotched; 4 = Mor	
At physiological maturity COLOR: 1 = Purple; 2 = Red; 3 = Green; 4 = Yellow;	
1 COLOR 1 = Light; 2 = Light Medium; 3 = Medium; 4	4 = Medium Dark; 5 = Dark
SECONDARY 1 = Purple; 2 = Red; 3 = Green; 4 = Yellow;	5 = Tan; 6 = Brown; 7 = Other
1 CROSS SECTION 1 = Flat 2 = Pear SHAPE:	3 = Round 4 = Figure Eight
2 POD 1 = Straight	2 = Slightly Curved
3 = Curved	4 = Recurved
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	*
3 POD BEAK 1 = Straight 2 = Curved	d Upward 3 = Curved Downward 4 = Variable Average beak length, in cm.
3 CONSTRICTIONS: 1 = None; 2 = Slight; 3 = Deep	
5 8 Average number of seeds per pod	
7. SEED COLOR	
1 = Shiny; 2 = Dull; 3 = Semishiny; 4 = Variable	1 = Monochrome; 2 = Polychrome
PRIMARY 1 = White; 2 = Yellow; 3 = Buff; 4 = Tan; COLOR: 5 = Brown; 6 = Pink; 7 = Red; 8 = Purple; 9 = Blue; 10 = Black; 11 = Other	SECONDARY 1 = White; 2 = Yellow; 3 = Buff; 4 = Tan; COLOR: 5 = Brown; 6 = Pink; 7 = Red; 8 = Purple; 9 = Blue; 10 = Black; 11 = Other
COLOR 1 = Solid; 2 = Splashed; 3 = Mottled; PATTERN: 4 = Striped; 5 = Flecked; 6 = Dotted	1 HILAR RING: 1 = Absent; 2 = Present
HILAR RING COLOR: 1 = White; 2 = Yellow; 3 = Buff; 4 = 8 = Purple; 9 = Blue; 10 = Black; 11	= Tan; 5 = Brown; 6 = Pink; 7 = Red;
8. SEED SHAPE AND WEIGHT	
SHAPE OF SEED TAKEN 1 = Round 2 = Oval 3 = Cu	boid 4 = Kidney 5 = Truncate Fastigiate

9. ANTHOCYANIN	PIGMENTATION				
1 = ABSENT 2 = PRESENT	1 Flowers	1 Stems	1 Pods	1 See	ds
	1 Leaves	1 Petioles	1 Peduncies	1 Noc	des
10. KNOWN DISEAS	E REACTION				
wiit, Scierotinia	white mold, Angular leaf an common mosaic virus,	spot, Bacterial	wilt, Halo blight, F	uscous blight (Pythium root rot, Rhizoctonia root rot, Pythium Common bacterial blight, Red node virus, Pod ial brown spot, Bean southern mosaic virus,
REACTION: 1	Susceptible; 2 = Resistant	: 3 = Tolerant;	4 = Avoigance		
	(Give the common name (C	N), scientific nam	e (SN), and race(s), w	here applicable)	
2 DISEASE:	CN Bean Common Mos	aic Virus s	N_Marmor phase	oli	; Race(s) NY 15 & BV 1
			pv. phaseoli		_; Race(s)
3 DISEASE:	cn_Rust	; s	Uromyces phas	seoli	: Race(s) Slow rusting for undetermined races.
Modora	toly tologant				Race(s)
					; Race(s)
PESTS - COMM Mexican bean I	= Susceptible; 2 = Resistante the common name (CN), so	ean pod weevil, ode, Corn seed r t: 3 = Tolerant; cientific name (SN	maggot, Spider mite 4 = Avoidance 1), and biotype, where	s, Thrips, Weev	ea beetle, Leaf hopper, Lesion nematode, Lygus, vils, Western bean cutworm, Other (specify)
PEST: CN		; SN		; Bi	iotype
PEST: CN		; sn		: B	iotype
PEST: CN.		; sn		; в	iotype
1 = Susceptible; 2 3 = Tolerant; 4		Cold	Drought	Air Pol	llution
13. COMMENTS					

1987 UNIFORM DRY BEAN RUST NURSERY RESULTS

Cultivar	Source A	Belteville		Saginaw,		Fargo, N		N. Pl	itte, NE	Blight N. Platte
or Line	Source	I	11	I I	II	I	11	I	II	
1. Pinto III (P)	CK	vs	VS	vs .	vs	vs	vs	8	8	
2. M.W.H.R.(Sn)	CK	vs	VS	8	MR	VS	vs	R	R	
3. Aurora (SW)	CK	S(SR)	VS(SR),HR	s(SR)	MS(SR)	HR	R(SR)	I	I	
4. Olathe(P)	CK	HR,S(SR)	HR,S(SR)	S(SR)	MS(SR)	vs	vs	I	R	
5. D81090(GN)	RB	8	8	R(SR)	MS	VS	vs	I	R	
6. D81124B(P)	RB	R, VS(SR)	R, VS(SR)	VS(SR)	VS(SR)	vs	vs	HR	8	
7. D81127B(P)	RB	R,VS(SR)	R, VS(SR)	S(SR)	VS(SR)	8	3	I	8	
8. D82024(SW)	RB	s	8	HR	HR	R	R	I	I	
9. D82025(SW)	RB	s	8	HR	HR	MS(SR)	MS(SR)	I	I	Common
10. D82166(GN)	RB	8	8	MR(SR)	MS(SR)	VS(SR)	VS(SR)	R	мз	
11. D83025(SW)	RB	S	8	vs	vs	MS	8	vs	vs	
12. D83044(SW)	RB	VS .	8	HR	I	HR	HR	I	I	
13. D83074(SW)	RB	8	8	8	VS	HR	HR	VS	VS	
14. D83116(SW)	RB	S	S	HR	I	HR	HR	I	I	
15. D84123(SW)	RB	S	8	HR	R(SR)	HR	HR	I	ı	
16. D84347(P)	RB	R(SR)	R, VS(SR)	HR	HR	HR	HR	I	1	
'7. D84354(P)	RB	vs	vs	vs	vs	vs	vs	vs	vs	
18. D85176(GN)	RB	vs	vs	vs	vs	vs	vs	vs	vs	
19. D85212(P)	RB	R,S(SR)	$R,S(SR);S^{c/}$	MS(SR)	MRED	S	N.	MR	5	
20. D85234(P)	RB .	s	S	vs	S	S	S	MS	S	Common
21. D85235(P)	RB	R,MS(SR)	R,MS(SR)	VS(SR)	vs	S	s	MS	I	
22. D86138(SW)	RB	vs	S	vs	vs	vs	vs	R	R	Common
23. D86169(SW)	RB	S(SR)	S	R(SR)	HR	R	MS	I	I	
24. CO22625(P)	csu	R,S(SR)	R, VS(SR)	S(SR)	S(SR)	vs	S	I	I	Common
25. CO33142(P)	csu	R	R	S(SR)	R(SR)	S		1	s	Common +
26. Bill Z(P)	csu	R,S(SR)	R,S(SR)	I	HR	vs	0 - 17 1	I	MS	
27. Eagle(Sn)	CK	S	S	R(SR)	R(SR)	HR	-	MS	MS	
28. 95B(B1)	CK	R	R		1-0.3	-	-	I	I	
29. B190(B1)	CK	R	R	-		-		I	I	

a/ Sources: CK = Check; CSU = Colorado State University; RB = Rogers Brothers Seed Co.

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b/ Rust Reactions: I = Immune; HR = Hypersensitive resistance; R = resistance with pustules predominantly <0.3 mm; MR = moderately resistant with pustules predominantly 0.3-0.5 mm and none larger; MS = moderately susceptible with pustules up to 0.8 mm; S = susceptible with pustules larger than 0.8 mm present; VS = very suceptible with pustules larger than 0.8 mm predominant. SR = slow rusting = low pustule intensity.

c/ Segregating with most plants giving first reaction and some the second.

Marquis D82166

EXHIBIT D

BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

JM5 3/28/90 Marquis

D82166 is a high yielding, fairly upright, wide profile bean with open foliage. It has a Type IIB plant habit with light colored foliage.

Marquis
D82166 matures in 93 days, which is two days later than Beryl, in
Twin Falls, Idaho, in the years 1982-1988 (maturity defined as 90% of pods turned from green to buckskin).

Marquis

D82166 has an average seed count of 1500 seeds per pound, which is slightly larger than Beryl at 1555 seeds per pound.

Marquis
D82166 is resistant to the NY 15 and BV 1 strains of Bean Common
Mosaic Virus. It also has tolerance to Common Blight. Testing
done by the U.S.D.A. has shown that D82166 is resistant or
tolerant to undetermined races of <u>Uromyces phaseoli</u> and demonstrates slow rusting.

D82166 has shown adaptability in the production areas of Idaho and Nebraska. In canning tests, D82166 produces a good canned product comparable to Beryl quality.

In replicated yield trial testing in Twin Falls, Idaho, D82166 has out yielded Beryl by an average of 27 pounds per acre in the years 1983-1988.

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Data file: MARQUIS

Title:

PVP

Function: T-TEST

SAMPLE	ONE:	SAMPLE	TWO:

Variable 4: W MOLD

Cases 1 through 4

Variable 4: W MOLD

Cases 5 through 8

 Mean:
 22.25
 Mean:
 48.00

 Variance:
 375.58
 Variance:
 610.67

Standard Deviation: 19.38 Standard Deviation: 24.71

F-TEST FOR THE HYPOTHESIS "VARIANCE 1 = VARIANCE 2"

F Value: 1.6259

Numerator degrees of freedom: 3
Denominator degrees of freedom: 3

Probability: 0.6994

Result: Non-Significant F - Accept the Hypothesis

T-TEST FOR THE HYPOTHESIS "MEAN 1 = MEAN 2"

Variance of the difference between the means: 88.2292
Standard Deviation of the difference: 9.3930
t Value: -2.7414
Effective degrees of freedom: 3
Probability of t: 0.0713

Result: Significant t - Reject the Hypothesis

Confidence limits for the difference of the means (for alpha=0.10):

25.750 plus or minus 22.105 (3.645 through 47.855)

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Data file: MARQUIS

Function: T-TEST

SAMPLE ONE: SAMPLE TWO:

Variable 3 : SD/LB
Cases 1 through 4

Variable 3 : SD/LB
Cases 5 through 8

 Mean:
 1492.25
 Mean:
 1383.75

 Variance:
 9110.92
 Variance:
 13876.25

 Standard Deviation:
 95.45
 Standard Deviation:
 117.80

F-TEST FOR THE HYPOTHESIS "VARIANCE 1 = VARIANCE 2"

F Value: 1.5230

Numerator degrees of freedom: 3

Denominator degrees of freedom: 3

Probability: 0.7380

Result: Non-Significant F - Accept the Hypothesis

T-TEST FOR THE HYPOTHESIS "MEAN 1 = MEAN 2"

Variance of the difference between the means: 1368.2500
Standard Deviation of the difference: 36.9899
t Value: 2.9332
Effective degrees of freedom: 3
Probability of t: 0.0608

Result: Significant t - Reject the Hypothesis

Confidence limits for the difference of the means (for alpha=0.10):

108.500 plus or minus 87.051 (21.449 through 195.551)

Marquis D82166

EXHIBIT E

APPLICANT'S OWNERSHIP

5M5 3/28/90 Variety D82166 was developed by Ronald Shellenberger, Ph.D., a Rogers Brothers Seed Company plant breeder, with Rogers Brothers Seed Company funding the development of the variety. By agreement between employees and Rogers Brothers Seed Company, all rights to any variety developed by employees are assigned to the Company. No rights to such varieties are retained by employees.

State of Delaware

Office of the Secretary of State

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I, WILLIAM T. QUILLEN, SERCRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE SAID "ROGERS NK SEED CO.", FILED A CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT, CHANGING ITS NAME TO "ROGERS SEED CO.", THE FIFTH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1994, AT 9 O'CLOCK A.M.

LATE OF STREET

William T. Quillen, Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION:

7120759

DATE:

05-16-94

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STATE OF DELAWARE SECRETARY OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS FILED 09:00 AM 05/05/1994 944080001 - 810041

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

OF

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF ROGERS NK SEED CO.

Adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 242 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 1994

We, Willem van Overschot, President, and Richard B. Geller, Secretary, of Rogers NK Seed Co., a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, do hereby certify as follows:

FIRST: The Certificate of Incorporation of the corporation was filed on 2/27/75.

SECOND: The Certificate of Incorporation of said corporation has been amended as follows:

By striking out the whole of Article I thereof as it now exists and inserting in lieu and instead thereof, a new Article I, reading as follows:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Corporation is ROGERS SEED CO.

THIRD: Such amendment has been duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of the General Corporation of Law of the State of Delaware, by the unanimous written consent of all of the stockholders entitled to vote in accordance with the provisions of Section 228 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

FOURTH: See attached Written Consent of Sole Shareholder and Board of Directors' Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have signed this certificate this 13 day of April 1994.

Willem van Overschot, President

Richard B. Geller, Secretary

ROGERS NK SEED CO.

WRITTEN CONSENT OF SOLE SHAREHOLDER

SANDOZ CORPORATION, owner of all of the issued and outstanding shares of ROGERS NK SEED CO., hereby consents, pursuant to Section 228 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, to the adoption of the following resolution as and for the act of the shareholder:

RESOLVED, that SANDOZ CORPORATION, as sole shareholder, approves the amendment to Article I of the Certificate of Incorporation of ROGERS NK SEED CO., changing its name to ROGERS SEED CO.

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Dated: 122, 1994

Heinz P. Imhof, Chief Executive Officer Sandoz Corporation ROGERS NK SEED CO.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that according to Section 242 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, that Article I of the Certificate of Incorporation be amended, effective June 1, 1994, to read as follows: The name of the Corporation is ROGERS SEED CO.; and, further,

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officers of Rogers NK Seed Co. be, and they hereby are, authorized to take any and all further action and execute and deliver any and all further documents that may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out and effectuate fully the purposes set forth in the foregoing resolution.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD MARCH 31, 1994

Richard B. Geller, Secretary

State of Delaware Office of the Secretary of State

I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER, WHICH MERGES:

"ROGERS SEED CO.", A DELAWARE CORPORATION,

WITH AND INTO "NOVARTIS SEEDS, INC." UNDER THE NAME OF "NOVARTIS SEEDS, INC.", A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1997, AT 9 O'CLOCK A.M.

A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR RECORDING.

AUTHENTICATION:

8531908 06-26-97

DATE:

STATE OF DELAWARE SECRETARY OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS FILED 09:00 AM 06/25/1997 971211767 - 0829320

OF ROGERS SEED CO. INTO NOVARTIS SEEDS, INC.

The undersigned corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the General Corporation Law of Delaware,

DOES HEREBY CERTIFY:

FIRST: That the name and state of incorporation of each on the constituent corporations of the merger is as follows:

NAME

STATE OF INCORPORATION

Novartis Seeds, Inc. Rogers Seed Co.

Delaware Delaware

SECOND: That an Agreement and Plan of Merger between the parties to the merger has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and acknowledged by each of the constituent corporations in accordance with the requirements of section 251 of the General Corporation Law of Delaware

THIRD: That the name of the surviving corporation is Novartis Seeds, Inc.

EQURTH: That the Certificate of Incorporation of Novartis Seeds, Inc., a Delaware corporation which will survive the merger, shall be the Certificate of Incorporation of the surviving corporation.

EETH: That the executed Agreement and Plan of Merger is on file at the principal place of business of the surviving corporation, the address of which is 7500 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley, MN 55427.

SIXTH That a copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger will be furnished by the surviving corporation, on request and without cost, to any stockholder of any constituent corporation.

SEVENTH: That this Certificate of Merger shall be effective on July 1, 1997.

Dated June 23, 1997

NOVARTIS SEEDS, INC.

Name: Edward C. Resler

Title: Vice President & General Counsel